



Seeing Eye Dogs
Vision Australia



Hello! It's Tommy, back with an update on my amazing pack!

Dear Friend,

Yay! We've just celebrated our first birthday and an important milestone, which you get to celebrate with us! Tori, Trisha and I are officially ready for In-For-Training (IFT) assessments, and it's all thanks to you!

In just 12 months, we've learned and grown so much – our legs are super long now (great for all the walking we do), and we are finally growing into our big paws! Hehe!

I want to give you the biggest thank you from the whole pack. You make everything we do possible, and we're so grateful knowing you're always by our side. You are truly im-paw-tant to us, we're sending the biggest puppy cuddles your way!

Let's get started with the latest news – Tori first. Her puppy carer says she is confident, loving, playful, laidback and super smart – and they are absolutely right! Tori loves training. She's always ready to go, waiting eagerly at the front door to put on her special puppy training coat.

In her household, there are little people who go to school, so she gets to join in on the daily school drop-offs and pick-ups. She's a very popular community member, but everyone has to remember not to pat her when she is working (which is hard, because she is so cute!!).

Tori really loves dancing – no, not herself, but she loves to watch! Every week the little humans in her life go to dance classes and she gets to hang out and relax while they twirl about. The dance studio love having her there. They even gave her a 'cake' for her birthday – wasn't she lucky!

When she's not practicing her good behaviour skills at the shopping centre or sitting calmly at local cafes watching the world go by, Tori loves a good nap in the sunshine, a run around the garden and playing with her favourite toy, the Kong!

Now, onto my sister Trisha! Well she is almost as busy as me. She goes into the city five days a week – woweee! This means she's getting lots of practice with public transport and has become an expert at boarding the train. She's not fazed by the gap between the train and the platform, and quickly tucks herself under the seat. Well done, Trisha!



Tori loves her training and is always ready to go!

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**Trisha is a master
of focus!**

Trisha walks perfectly beside her carer and loves going on long walks, especially to coffee shops or dinners. Trisha has so much energy, which means she could one day be the perfect match for someone who leads a busy, active life.

Her latest big achievement? She's mastered dog distraction! No matter what's going on around her, she stays focused on her work. Isn't that amazing? I'm so proud of her.

And now, it's finally my turn—yay!

The other day, my puppy carers said I'm the best dog they've cared for in six years! They told me I'm obedient, attentive and affectionate. Hearing that made me feel all a-wiggle with joy, and I couldn't wait to share it with you. You've made this possible for me, thank you!

I've moved to a new home at the beach and I love it so much! The best thing about living at the beach is – the beach!! I love taking morning and afternoon walks along the sand and playing with friends there.

During the week, we 'work from home' – for me, that means chewing on my Nylabone, lunchtime training sessions and lots of naps – but on two days we travel into the city to the office. I know I have to be on my very best behaviour there. I go to meetings and workshops (there seems to be lots of talking, so I usually take a nap) and we run errands at lunchtime. It's all good fun!!

My carer family loves to explore, and we've taken trips along the Great Ocean Road to see the big rocky coast, crossed creeks and bridges, and visited waterfalls. I've even been to the theatre! We went to see Shakespeare's King Lear, and even though there were no puppies on stage, I had a great time. It was loud at times, but I watched happily and took a little snooze.

It's important for us to visit many places and have different experiences because it helps us learn how to settle quickly and ignore distractions, which are important skills for working Seeing Eye Dogs.

But the next exciting stage in our journey, the IFT assessments, is about to start and with your dedicated support we are equipped for success, and we can't thank you enough.

I will write again soon to tell you how our assessments go – paws crossed for us!

Oodles of puppy love to you, yours truly,

Tommy xox 

P.S. With the festive season nearly here, my friends at Seeing Eye Dogs have enclosed a couple of Christmas cards for you to share with someone special. These cards are a token of our appreciation and a way to let others know that you are a proud sponsor of Seeing Eye Dogs.



**Tommy loves
living at the
beach!**



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